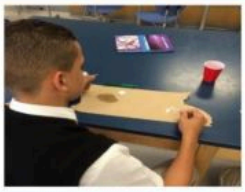
UConn School of Medicine & School of Dental Medicine
Department of Health Career Opportunity Programs
Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative



Great Explorations (8th Grade) and Jumpstart (9th & 10th Grade)

THE PROGRAM:

- An educational program that engages 8th - 10th grade students in hands-on science activities, enrichment in science, math, and English, college exploration, field trips, and provides academic mentoring by medical and dental students
- Offers a 4-week summer academic enrichment program for rising 8th - 10th graders and 21-week academic year Saturday Academy

Dates: June 23 to July 18, 2025, Monday – Friday Summer Program, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
October 4, 2025 to May 2, 2026, Saturday Academy, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- Parent/Guardian Orientation Workshops and Health Seminar Series are held for all students participating in the summer and Saturday Academy Program
- Participants receive meals, bus transportation to/from Hartford and Bloomfield to UConn Health, and a stipend for program completion if eligible

Application Deadline is May 1st

- Submit completed application w/essay
- Have an official grade report submitted from middle school attended
- Provide two letters of recommendation from a science or math teacher or guidance counselor
- Provide a copy of your Federal Tax Form 1040 or equivalent for current year

A **$4,000 full fellowship** for program expenses and a stipend for eligible students is offered.
For more information, contact Tracey Higgins at HCOPAcademy@uchc.edu.

Apply at s.uconn.edu/HCOPDocAcademy

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